MYSORE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Notification No. 655, *dated 7th November* 1935.

SALE OF MANGANESE ORE.

It is hereby notified for general information that sealed tenders will be received up to 25th November 1935 at the Office of the Director, Mysore Geological Department, for the purchase of Manganese Ore lying in stacks or heaps on certain abandoned prospecting blocks, etc., in the taluks, as shown in the schedule appendedhere to.

2. The ore in all the blocks noted below will be taken as a lot for the purpose of the tender.

3. The quantities mentioned in the schedule are only approximate and this department does not undertake to give any guarantee in regard to either the quantity or the quality of the ores. It would therefore be advisable for the tenderers to ascertain the quantity and quality of the ores before submitting tenders therefor.

4. About 13,500 tons of low grade manganese ore containing about 28 to 36 per cent manganese are available for sale. Of these, 12,700 tons are lying on prospecting blocks which are situated at a distance of about 3½ to 7 miles along road track and forest track from Kumsi which is the nearest railway station whence they could be railed. The remaining 860 tons are on blocks which are about 27 to 28 miles from the nearest railway station which is New Shimoga Town.

5. Each tender should be superscribed "Teder for the purchase of Manganese Ore, Shimoga District" and should be accompanied by a Treasury Receipt for a sum of Rs. 50 which should be paid into a Mysore Government Treasury as earnest money. On acceptance of any one of the tenders received, the earnest monies in the case of the rejected tenders will be refunded.

6. The tender should specify clearly the flat rate offered per ton of the ore irrespective of grade, for delivery at the places stacked.

7. The final acceptance of any tender, will rest with the Government who do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender or to assign any reasons therefor.

8. The removal of the ore by the successful tenderer shall be subject to the following conditions :—

(*i*) That he shall pay within 15 days from the date of aceptance of his tender the lumpsum calculated at the rate per ton offered by him in respect of the quantity of ore mentioned in the schedule hereto. In default, his tender will be treated as cancelled and his earnest money forfeited.

(*ii*) That the entire quantity of the ore should be removed within two months from the date of the execution of an agreement referred to in (*viii*) below.

(*iii*) Any balance of ore which may remain unremoved at the expiry of the period of two months abovementioned shall be forfeited to Government.

(*iv*) The purchaser shall remove only the ore collected in stacks or heaps or lying loose at present and found in the area, particuars of which are set forth in the schedule attached hereto and of which authenticated plans will be furnished to him separately; and in no case shall he do any kind of mining work and remove fresh ore.

(*v*) The purchaser shall not cut or injure any tree or forest growth on any private, occupied or unoccupied land in the course of operations for the removal of the ore purchased and shall abstain from all interference with public rights as to paths, tanks, sacred groves, etc.

(*vi*) The purchaser shall be responsible for any injury or damage done to the forest growth or land on which the ore is lying either by himself, his agents, representatives or employees.

(*vii*) Any infringement or violation of any one of the aforesaid terms and conditions of this agreement shall be seriously noticed and dealt with by Government and it is entirely left to their discretion either to impose such penalty as they may deem fit in addition to confiscating to Government the security deposit referred to below or to cancel this sale entirely. The decision of the Government in this behalf shall be final.

(*viii*) That he shall execute, within a week from the date of payment of the purchase consideration, an agreement embodying the above conditions relating to the removal of the ore.

(*ix*) That he shall pay a sum of Rs. 100 to be held as security for the fulfilment of the terms of the agreement. The earnest money paid by him for the tender will be adjusted towards the deposit.

Statement showing the approximate quantity of manganese ore at the disposal of Government offered for sale to the public.

Schedule.

No.	Locality	Taluk	District	Nearest Railway Station and distance to	Approximate quantity in tons	
1	Sigamutty Block ..	Kumsi	Shimoga	Kumsi	9,694	12,702
2	Peerankanive Block ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do	3,008	
3	Itigehalli Block ..	Shikarpur	Do ..	New Shimoga Town	645	860
4	Mattigatta Block ..	Do ..	Do ..	Do	215	
				Total ..	13,562 tons.	

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